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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-84 presently on file and add new claims 85-224, as follows:

(New) A method for authenticating an optical storage medium having an optical data 85. structure representative of a series of bits, the method comprising:

(a) reading the optical storage medium at a locus to obtain data true to the series of bits represented by the optical data structure at such locus;

(b) re-reading the optical storage medium at the locus to determine if the data obtained varies by one or more bits in the series of bits represented by the optical data structure at such locus: and

(c) authenticating the optical storage medium if the data obtained in step (b) differs from the data obtained in step (a).

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